

Islamic Labor Forum

The Islamic Labor Forum is a moderate or modernist Islamic group that believes in furthering the values of Islam and encouraging people to live their lives according to Islamic precepts but does not believe in participating directly in politics and government. They seek to generate new political ideas out of the Islamic framework.

The Islamic Labor Forum believes that no one should be compelled into belief. They quote from the *Qur'an*: *La ikrah fi 'l-din*: there is no compulsion in religion. To follow Islamic rituals under compulsion destroys most of the merit and value of those rituals for the individual because they were not freely and willingly chosen. They are tolerant of differences within the Islamic community, quoting the Prophet Muhammad: "Difference of opinion is a mercy for my community."

The Islamic Labor Forum focuses on civil society and service to the community through the creation of benevolent organizations (*munadhamat khairiyya*), including clinics, educational assistance, women's support groups, and youth activities. Muslim piety, they believe, will benefit from more distance between mosque and state. Any contemporary interpretation of the *Qur'an*, they believe, leaves little doubt of the full equality between men and women at all levels. They quote from the *Qur'an*: "I do not neglect the deeds done by any of you, whether man or woman; the one of you comes from the other."

Frame

While economic growth is indispensable, so is social justice. The best chance of obtaining both is to have an effective state that can underwrite and safeguard a basically free but intelligently regulated market economy. There is a need for some basic level of fairness in the distribution of material goods and services. Attempts to achieve greater social and distributive justice and to stimulate activity by small and medium-sized enterprises should be pursued even if IMF officials see these efforts as a threat to macroeconomic stability.

Access Rules

The **Government of Fabrikistan** has automatic access; other teams require your permission to meet with you.

Success Indicators

Popular Support (PS). This begins at 100 and is raised by actions that increase the commitment and numbers of followers and participants in the Islamic Labor Forum. It is lowered by actions that decrease the commitment and numbers of followers and participants.

Government Support (GS). This begins at 100 and is raised by actions that increase the Government of Fabrikistan's support and is lowered by actions that decrease this support.

Poverty Reduction (PR). This begins at 100 and is raised by actions that reduce the poverty and improve the living conditions of Fabrikistani citizens and is lowered by actions that increase poverty and make living conditions worse.

Cultural Support (CS): This begins at 100 and is increase by actions that protect and enhance the relative strength of local Islamic culture and is decreased by actions that enhance the relative strength of Western culture in Fabrikistan.

$$\text{Overall Success} = (2\text{PS} + \text{GS} + \text{PR} + \text{CS})/5$$

Recommended to Print from Resource Kit:

You should make hard copies of the following parts of the Resource Kit to read ahead of time or bring with you to the game sessions:

- *** Glossary of Technical Terms
- *** ILO Fundamental Conventions.
- *** Micro-Credit Programs.
- *** Ecotourism
- *** Political Islam

Islamic Labor Forum Action Options

The following action options are available to the Islamic Labor Forum and you may adopt as many as you choose or none at all.

Regarding the proposed project by CDI and the loan application of the Government of Fabrikistan:

- ☐ I. Ignore this project. It is not relevant for our goals.
- ☐ II. Support this project as proposed.
- ☐ III. Support this project on condition that the following features are changed (check all that apply below):
 - ☐ IIIa. Eliminate the nature preserve.
 - ☐ IIIb. Eliminate Lola and Friends.
 - ☐ IIIc. Eliminate the casino.
 - ☐ IIId. Eliminate the “Sheik Duds” clothing.
 - ☐ IIIe. Eliminate the training center.
 - ☐ IIIf. Eliminate the micro-financing program.
 - ☐ IIIg. Other conditions (specify) _____
- ☐ IV. Oppose this project in all its aspects. It is beyond redemption.
 - ☐ IVa. Speak out against it in our publications to our members and to the general public.
 - ☐ IVb. Protest it using various forms of disruptive but non-violent resistance.
 - ☐ IVc. Carry out sabotage and bombing of the site to prevent construction.
 - ☐ IVd. Other opposition action (specify) _____
- ☐ V. Other action¹ (specify using other side of form if necessary)

¹ You should check with the game coordinator who will rule whether such an action would be possible in the real world.

Islamic Labor Forum Press Release

(This should be written on the assumption that the details of the scenario itself are already known and have been reported earlier and should focus on the actions you have taken during phase three – and, if relevant, possible actions that you have not taken.)

Islamic Labor Forum Broadcast Rating Form

The Labor Forum monitors all three broadcasts:

WUSA

Notes on coverage:

1. Were the actions of the Islamic Labor Forum covered fully and fairly from your standpoint?

- ☐ a. Yes. Coverage was pretty much the way we would have presented it ourselves.
- ☐ b. Mixed yes and no. Coverage of some of our actions was good but there were significant omissions and/or inclusion of distracting and irrelevant material.
- ☐ c. No, coverage missed important aspects of our actions and/or distorted other aspects.

2. Did coverage show the implications of actions for the human rights and labor rights of Fabrikistan workers?

- ☐ a. Gave significant attention to the implications for their human rights and labor rights.
- ☐ b. Mixed, with some attention but not a lot.
- ☐ c. Little or no attention to the significance for their human rights and labor rights.

EuroPress

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EuroPress rating

2. Did coverage show the implications of actions for the human rights and labor rights of Fabrikistan workers?

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Voice of Islam (VOI): Notes on coverage:

1. Were the actions of the Islamic Labor Forum covered fully and fairly from your standpoint?

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